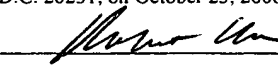


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In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/248,158

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed subsequent to the Office Action dated May 24, 2000 for which a response was due on August 24, 2000. In the accompanying petition, Applicants request a three-month extension of time, which extends the date of response to November 24, 2000, and accordingly this paper is timely filed. Please note that this amendment is filed solely to add claims in compliance with the one-year deadline of 35 U.S.C. §135(b); a response to the outstanding Office Action will be filed shortly.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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